(d) what steps are being taken to make such drives a permanent feature in order to make travel safe for women commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) As per the information furnished by the Delhi Police, some instances have come to notice where men were reportedly found travelling in ladies compartments. During a special anti eve-teasing drive conducted on 19.11.2003, 17 cases were reported/detected to by Delhi Railway Police and 117 persons arrested in different trains who were travelling in ladies compartments were booked under section 162/179 I.R. Act. Anti eve-teasing drives are conducted by Delhi Railway Police from time to time.

Measures to check unemployed youths from joining hands with terrorists

†1603. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to non-availability of employment to the unemployed youths in Uttar Pradesh and in other sensitive areas of the country, the youths of the State are helping terrorists;

(b) if so, whether Government have focused its target on the activities of SIMI and other fundamentalist organizations to ensure that these unemployed youths do not play in wrong hands;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide employment to such unemployed youths and whether any special task force is being set up against these terrorist organizations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) There are no specific reports in this regard. However, certain inputs suggest tribal unemployed youths being wooed by the extremist organizations in some parts of the naxalite affected areas.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The activities of all organizations including SIMI, which have a bearing on maintenance of communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and the requisite legal action is taken, including imposition of ban, wherever necessary.

(c) and (d) The Government has adopted a multi-pronged strategy to tackle the problem of terrorism including naxalism which *inter-alia* includes focused attention on developmental aspect of the affected areas.

For the State of J and K, a Task Force, constituted under the Chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary, has recommended for generation of one lakh employment/self employment opportunities in various sectors such as agriculture, textiles, roads, rails, highways, education, tourism, small and medium industrial units, IT and communications, etc.

The Department of Development of North-Eastern Region has a number of schemes to ensure economic development of the North-Eastern Region including creation of employment opportunities.

All the 55 naxalite affected districts have been included under the Backward Districts Initiative (BDI) scheme of the Planning Commission for filling in critical gaps in the physical and social infrastructure. Additional funds have also been allocated to the naxalite affected States under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. Both these schemes aim to provide employment opportunities to the local population including the youth.

Attack by militants in Tripura

1604. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a letter was sent to Deputy Prime Minister on 22nd May, 2003 signed by 550 persons, listing six specific occurrences in which attacks by terrorists leading to murders and kidnappings had been reported between 2nd October, 2002 to 19th May, 2003 in Dharamnagar Sub-division of Tripura;

(b) if so, the measures that have been taken to nab the culprits; and

(c) the measures that have been taken to protect the border areas of Dharamnagar Sub-division?